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SENATOR CONKLING'S SPEECH.

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and promptly filled.

Now let Congress "exodus."

The Corks were having been corked up.

THINGS are not what they seem! Bourbon

County, Ky., is Republican.

THE New York Herald is again suffering
from rather a severe attack of Censorism. It
has been subject to such attacks for some
time, but they are regarded more as an
idiosyncrasy than as a dangerous malady.

MR. GARFIELD made the startling an-
nouncement yesterday in the House that
there are a thousand grog holes under the
shadow of the Capitol. We suppose these
grog holes must be those in which the Dem-
ocrats hide their Bourbon.

SENATOR HAMLIN'S return to the Senate
is affording the certainties of the future if he
is alive and in good health in 1880-81. He
will have completed the seventieth year of
his life on the 27th of August next, and is
still as hale and hearty as he was when, a
half a century ago, he "set" type for a liv-
ing up in Maine.

THE Mississippi Valley planters are be-
ginning to feel the full force of the natural
result of their unjust and oftentimes inhuman
treatment of their colored fellow citizens.
Their appeals and pledges now offered to
induce the blacks to abandon the "West-
ern exodus" are but frantic and transparent
imitations of the spider's invitation to the
fly; and the blacks continue to fly.

CIRCUMLOCUTION is ALEX STUBBINS'
best hold. He was opposed to secession,
but learned to go the entire swine. He
now clings to the Democratic party, but
holds the political measures which delay
the appropriations to be of very little con-
sequence. He wants measures for the re-
lief of the laboring population; but he is in
entire accord with his party. Just as.

THOSE Greenbacks who train with the
Bourbons in Congress have become ex-
treme contractionists to all intents and
purposes. In refusing to make the public ap-
propriations they practically vote to lock up
millions upon millions of dollars in the
Treasury vaults and prohibit its natural, leg-
al, and constitutional circulation among the
people. And yet they do not hesitate to
call themselves expansionists.

THE Portsmouth (Va.) Enterprise takes
the President's last vote very much to heart.
It says: "The vital question is presented
to the Representatives of the people. Will
they vote to overthrow the liberties of the
people?" It then advises that "the
"people" be abolished." An analysis of the
blood of this rascal would reveal a drop of
loyal blood to a hundred of the other sort.
It is very fortunate that the Constitu-
tion stands between the President and his
revilers, and that he is Commander-in-
Chief of the army and navy. Starve the
army if you dare.

THE New York Sun still insists that the
Republican party cannot do better than to
nominate Secretary SHIMMAM next year.
Verily, the Secretary is a much persecuted
man, and the Sun is his principal persecu-
tor. Having tried to destroy him by means
of villainous slanders and wilful lying,
and failed, it is now pursuing him in the
more effective, though negative, line of pre-
tensions friendship. The truth is that
DANA has learned from experience that
his enmity is an advantage to our public
men, and when he is especially anxious to
render any one of them an injury he in-
stantly begins to compliment him.

ONE does not expect to hear anything
very interesting on the financial question in
this year of our Lord and of Democratic
tribulations; but General TOM BROWN, of
Indiana, in discussing the silver bill now
before the House, recently managed to se-
cure the profound attention of the House
and the galleries to his speech. It was a
masterly defense of the financial policy of
the Republican party, and showed not only
a thorough understanding of the subject,
but also the ability to put points in a strong
light. At the close of his speech he was
warmly congratulated by a large number of
his fellow-members. General BROWN has
an excellent voice and a pleasant delivery,
and is evidently destined to make his mark
in Congress.

SENATOR CONKLING, if he keeps on, will
become the architect of a rare reputation
for honesty and economy. He will stand as
high as an economist and exemplar of hon-
esty as GLOVER does as a fair and honorable
investigator. He has appointed a Mr.
MORROW, of Warrenburg, Mo., as clerk of
the Committee on Claims in the Senate.
Mr. MORROW is editor of a Democratic
newspaper at Warrenburg, and it is said is
also cashier of a bank in the same town.
These are both excellent assurances of his
qualifications for the position to which he
was appointed. But a week after his ap-

pointment Mr. Morrow returned to his
home and business in Missouri, and has not
been seen in Washington since. He only
draws \$185 per month for services he does
not perform. This is Democratic retrench-
ment.

The great trouble with the DAVID DAVIS
movement is the inability of its promoters
to erect a platform upon which their candi-
date can stand with safety. After they
achieve a solid basis for it, however, or an
underpinning equivalent in bearing-weight to
the abutments of London bridge, they
will be compelled to fence it in with a high-
board, picket, broken-glass mounted, sharp-
spiked fence, to keep him from climbing out
into some old and familiar inclosure. This
precaution is imperatively required in view of
the well-known fact that the habitual South-
ern Syrup gobbler becomes very restless on
occasion, and flighty, as the result of either
an underdose or an overdose of that much
esteemed nerve.

THERE are Democrats who will do almost
anything to secure plunder for a Democratic
favorite, while there are others who have
some proper regard for the public welfare,
and would not steal, openly or by virtue of
enactment, three-fourths of a million of
dollars' worth of public property to sustain
a favorite politician or a newspaper of the
Democratic persuasion. There are Demo-
crats who are tramps, knaves, and plunder-
ers, while there are others who believe hon-
esty is the best policy, and will not stand
idly by and see the State robbed for personal
or party aggrandizement. What relative
proportion these classes hold to each other
will be shown when a vote is taken on Mr.
KNOTT's bill for the free use of the
Government Printing-Office to some Demo-
crat, that he may oppress labor and fatten
at the Government expense. The measure
is both bold and corrupt and will not hold
water, though it may hold a very fat job.
Were it not there the vultures would be less
active.

We notice that Mr. COOPER, of Tennes-
see, takes occasion to complain because THE
NATIONAL REPUBLICAN declined to insert
in its columns a long and abusive letter over
his signature pointed at Mr. HOUK, which
was peculiarly in the interest of a personal
quarrel between the two parties, and in
which the public have no special interest.
Mr. COOPER is right in the predicate of his
complaint. A letter over his own signature,
full of abuse of Mr. HOUK, appeared in an-
other city paper, when Mr. HOUK was de-
nied the privilege of making answer, and
we granted the latter an opportunity to de-
fend himself in THE REPUBLICAN, and there
we proposed to stop. When Mr. COOPER
asked us to surrender twice the amount of
space occupied by Mr. H. to admit a com-
munication surcharged with malignant
abuse, if not with repeated lies, we de-
clined; and hence he charges THE REPUBLICAN
with unfairness. Perhaps we made a
mistake in inserting Mr. HOUK's com-
munication, but, as he had been denied a hear-
ing in the paper in which he had been
assailed, we acted more indulgently than
we otherwise should. It has become
too much a habit, when gentlemen get at
loggerheads over questions in which the
public have very little, if any, interest, to
invade the columns of the public press to
fight a wordy duel in the adjustment of
their personal griefs, and too often the am-
munition used is not any too fragrant, and all
at the expense of the innocent parties who
conduct the arena thus sought to be used.

We regard this as an innovation of the laws
of right and propriety, and much prefer
in any instance of this kind to be excused
from any participation in such wordy en-
counters. The newspaper is not the proper
place for adjusting personal quarrels, nor
even those of the editor himself, and for that
reason we hope to see this practice re-
formed.

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM-MAKING.
The Democrats think they are making a
platform for the Republican party, but they
are not. The platform of the Republicans
is firmly laid, and with enduring cement.
It is imbedded in the spirit and letter of
the Constitution and concerted with the
principles of freedom, equality, right, and
justice under the law. In all this it differs
from the platform of the Democrats and
from any platform they can create from the
broken fragments of treason, rebellion, se-
ctional hate, dishonesty of purpose, inflame-
ments upon the rights of citizenship, as
well as upon the purity and honesty of the
ballot-box, and from infidelity to the Union,
the Constitution, and such laws as they
deem born of the passions of strife, and
with which they are now wrestling to pro-
vide a foothold for their scattered forces.
The Democrats are now repairing and re-
constructing their platform for 1880, upon
which to do battle for the mastery; and
yet every plank they gather from their
present policy and insert, only adds rottenness
and weakness to the structure. Every step
the Democrats have taken during the present
and past sessions of Congress, in the direc-
tion of disloyalty to the national power and
loyalty to the State govern-
ments as supreme above the Federal au-
thority in matters relating to the Federal
Government, has only added to their weak-
ness with the people. They assumed a
quasi revolutionary attitude toward the
General Government, and they soon learned
from the people that revolution holds no
place in the Northern heart. There may be
a few Democrats in the North who sym-
pathize with the other rebellion, and are
ready to egg on revolution now, but the
mass of the people spurn such an attitude
as they would a pestilence, and take no
stock in the starvation revolution which is
now being nursed in Congress. So long as
the Democrats build platforms for them-
selves by such architects and out of such
material, they are welcome to the performance,
for each plank and each nail thus in-
troduced will form their final enunciation
as a party. If they fancy they are deceiv-
ing the people they are deluded. If they
think the business and commercial interests
of the country sympathize with them in any
degree they are entirely mistaken, for the
people want peace and quiet from revolu-
tion or its agencies. They have had enough
of recession and rebellion, and do not desire
any more, or of starvation revolution as
their substitute.

The attempt now being made to strip the
reserved Federal power of its supreme au-
thority and to divide it with the States is
an assault which attracts public attention,

and excites distrust toward the party en-
gaged in this work of revolution. The
direct tendency of this Democratic policy is
to disturb confidence, disarm enterprise,
cripple our industries, and thus take em-
ployment and bread from the workers, for
the reason that when revolution in any
form shows its head capital and enterprise
retire to seclusion, and employment and its
rewards are nowhere to be found, and the
workers of the country are brought to grief.
After passing through a series of financial
crises, which had entailed great suffering
upon the laboring classes, when resumption
was achieved and steadily maintained, con-
fidence began to return to the marts of trade
and business, and it began to put on the air
of hope and increased activity. The
country had the promise of a revival of
business, but when the Democratic party
assumed a hostile stand toward the
Executive and the laws of the country, and
threatened to starve the Government unless
they could be permitted to disarm it of the
power to enforce its own laws, and protect
the rights of the people by every constitu-
tional agency, that promise was dimmed
and the business heart sank back into dis-
appointment and disgust at this fresh out-
rage. The hope that inspired the business
heart of the country in February last be-
gan to fade in March, when the Democratic
programme was promulgated to the country,
and the policy of that party began to
take shape under its inspirations, and it
has grown weaker daily ever since. It is
now too late for the Democrats to check
the mischief they have inaugurated by any
make-shift. They must meet the people on
their own reconstructed platform of State
Rights and stand, or fall by the issues they
have created and presented to the country.
No shifting of scenery—no change of actors
—can disarm the plot of this comedy of
errors of its mischievous character and ten-
dencies. The Democrats have selected their
parts in the political drama, and now the
play must go through as they have put it
on the stage.

WAR ANNIVERSARIES.

Pertinent Extracts from the Chronology of
the Rebellion.

MAY 17—Large quantities of secreted arms
and ammunition seized at St. Louis by United
States Marshal Sawlings. Confederate Con-
gress authorized the issue of \$20,000,000 of
bonds, payable in twenty years, at 8 per cent.,
and \$50,000,000 treasury notes, not bearing in-
terest. Harper's Ferry fortified by the rebels.

MAY 17—Surrounding of Galveston, Tex., de-
clared. The Federal army advanced toward
Corinth; severe skirmishing. The advance of
the Army of the Potomac reached Bottom's
Bridge, fifteen miles from Richmond.

MAY 17—Battle of the Big Black—Grant
again advanced toward Vicksburg, and drove
him into Vicksburg, with the loss of 2,000 men
and seventeen pieces of artillery. The rebels
burned the bridge on their retreat. Skirmish
at Cripple Creek, on the Bradyville pike, Ten-
nessee; rebels killed and eighteen men cap-
tured; five Federal soldiers slightly wounded.
The Confederate ship Thetis, with a cargo valued
at \$400,000, was burned by her crew off
Mobile Bay to prevent her capture by the
Federal forces. The crew were picked up by
the U. S. frigate Albatross, at work at Rich-
mond, Va., destroyed by fire.

MAY 17—Fighting at Spottsylvania was re-
newed to-day. A sharp attack was made upon
the rebel intrenchments, and the battle soon
extended along the whole line. The Federal
loss was about 1,200 in killed and wounded.
This trial of the enemy's lines confirmed Gen-
eral Grant in his purpose to move his army
nearer to Richmond.

PERSONAL.

ARTHUR C. MORTON, of Boston, is at the St. James.
Hon. E. B. FINLEY, of Ohio, is a guest at Wil-
lard's.

Hon. WILLIAM A. FIFE is stopping at the Riggs
house.

SENATOR J. W. JOHNSON, of Virginia, has apart-
ment at Wilbur's.

Hon. J. A. HUBBELL, of Michigan, registered at
the National yesterday.

MR. GENERAL ANDREW PORTER, of Philadelphia,
has room at the Riggs house.

HENRY HARTSHORN, of Virginia, and Dick Laman,
of New York, are guests at Wornley's.

Gen. R. C. RAY, of New Jersey; L. R. Seward,
and wife, Texas; Mrs. Addison Giddens, Boston,
and F. H. Fennedy, New York, are stopping at the
Riggs house.

JOHN W. STEPHENS, E. S. Morgan, George V.
Lawrence, A. Craig, J. K. Loring, and William
Bill, members of the Pennsylvania Legislature,
have taken rooms at the Riggs house.

STEPHEN STILLWELL and wife, of New York;
James S. Hilditch, of New York; and wife, Miss
Missouri; Y. E. Chapin, Boston; A. I. Fuller,
Maine; and Mrs. Jacob Strawn, Illinois, registered
at the Metropolitan yesterday.

ALEXANDER McDONALD, of Virginia; P. Palmer,
of New York; W. J. Croesley and wife, of Prov-
idence, R. I.; J. A. Hilditch, of New York; and
Stidwell, of Indiana; A. W. Patterson, of New
York; Dr. J. H. Mosby and wife, of Brooklyn, N. Y.;
Thomas J. Evans, of Richmond, Va.; M. J. Murray,
of Philadelphia, Pa.; and R. Jackson, of Troy, N. Y.,
registered at the St. James yesterday.

MOTHERS should take warning and stop doing
their hair with leaden wire. Dr. Bull's Hair Syrup
is a safe and sure remedy. Price, 25 cents.

DIED.
HAWKSWORTH—On Thursday, May 15, of
pneumonia, Mrs. Mary Ann Hawksworth, wife of
J. M. Hawksworth, aged 78 years. Buried at
Greenwood cemetery, 1015 Connecticut street, Saturday,
May 17, at 10 a. m.

HALL—On Friday morning, May 15, at 10 a. m.,
SUSAN R. HALL, aged 81 months, only daughter
of J. M. Hall, died. Buried at Greenwood cemetery,
1015 Connecticut street, Saturday, May 17, at 10 a. m.

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